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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL PLAN FOR COSTA RICA

REF: SAN JOSE A-10 OF JAN 29, 1975

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON COSTA RICAN MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY MARIO CHARPANTIER MARCH 18 HE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR USG COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS CONTROL, THANKS TO WHICH COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO SEIZE SIZEABLE QUANTITIES OF DRUGS AND UNDERTAKE A NUMBER OF OTHER NARCOTICS CONTROL MEASURES. CHARPANTIER DECRIED CRITICAL LACK OF FUNDS AND EVEN OF BASIC EQUIPMENT WHICH PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF MORE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM FOR DEALING WITH INCREASINGLY TROUBLESOME DRUG PROBLEM. NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT OPERATES ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS AND IS UNABLE TO CARRY OUT ANY ACTIVITIES REGULARLY OUTSIDE OF SAN JOSE AREA WHERE MUCH OF DRUG SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE. HE MADE SPECIAL FOR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE USG CAN FURNISH ON URGENT BASIS.

2. AFTER DISCUSSING NARCOTICS QUESTION THOROUGHLY WITH DEA AGENT BRUCE VAN MATRE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER MEETING WITH CHARPANTIER, I WISH TO ENDORSE ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED
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UNDER IV IN REFERENCED AIRGRAM AND TO URGE THAT ASSISTANCE

BE FURNISHED SOONEST. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO KEEP THE
MOMENTUM WHICH HAS BEEN STARTED, HELP STRENGTHEN NARCOTICS
DEPARTMENT, AND TO SHOW THAT WE ARE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT
COOPERATION TO CONTROL AND PREVENT FLOW OF DRUGS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATION OF WHAT WE MIGHT
EXPECT BY WAY OF ASSISTANCE.

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